Infrastructure Engineering and Management

High-Performance Materials and Systems Research Program

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Program Objectives:

- Develop innovative materials and systems that will extend the service life of existing Corps structures.
- Reduce costs for operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation.
- More durable structures with reductions in project delivery times and construction costs.



Repair Failures



Performance Criteria



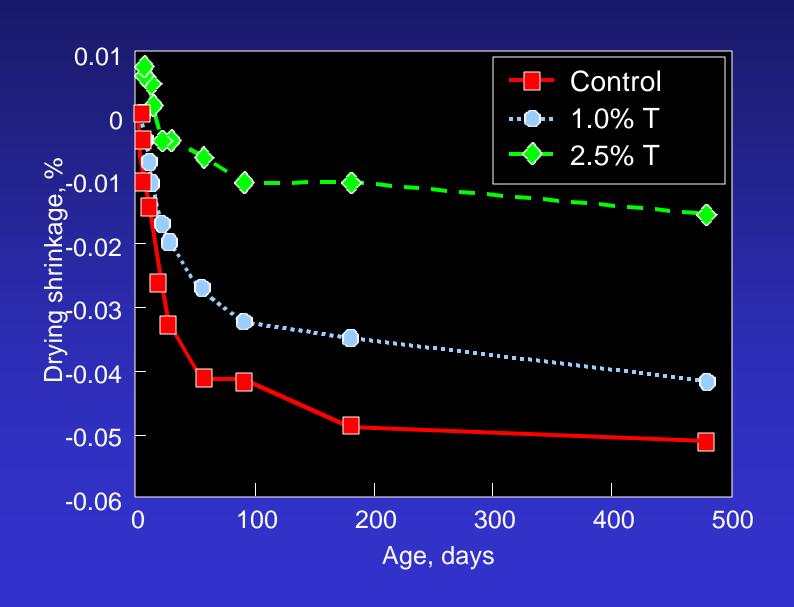
28-Day Shrinkage and Field Performance Acceptable Materials

Relative field ranking

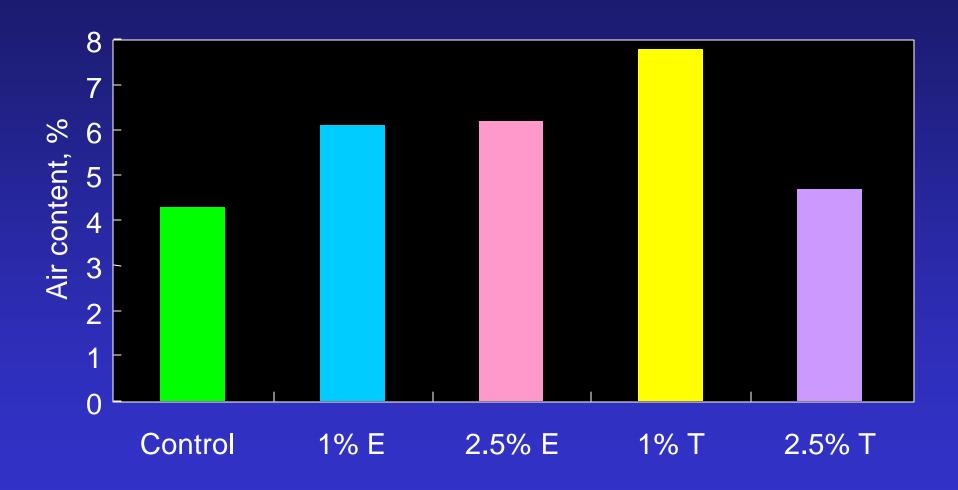
Performance Criteria for Repair Materials

Property	Test Method	Requirement
Tensile strength, min 28 days	CRD-C-164	400 psi
Modulus of elasticity, max	ASTM C 469	3.5 x 10 ⁶ psi
Coefficient of thermal expansion, max	CRD-C 39	7 millionths/deg F
Drying shrinkage, max 28 days 1 year	ASTM C 157 (Modified)	400 millionths 1,000 millionths
Restrained shrinkage Cracks Implied strain (1yr), max	Ring Method	None within 14 days 1,000 millionths

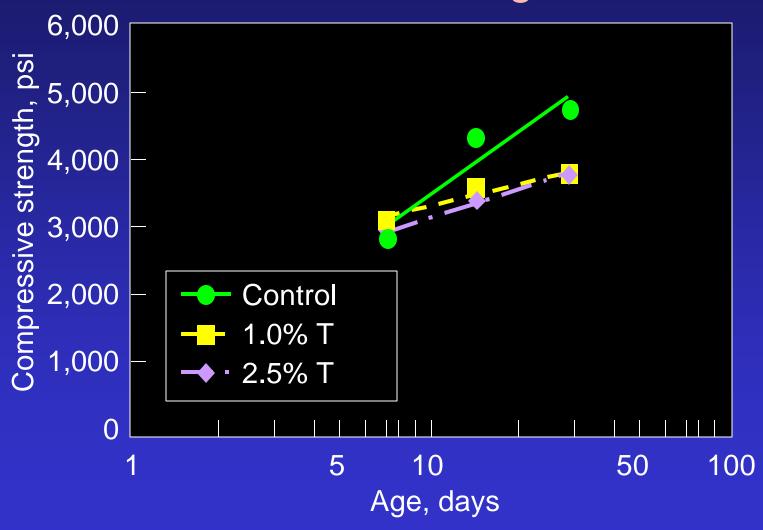
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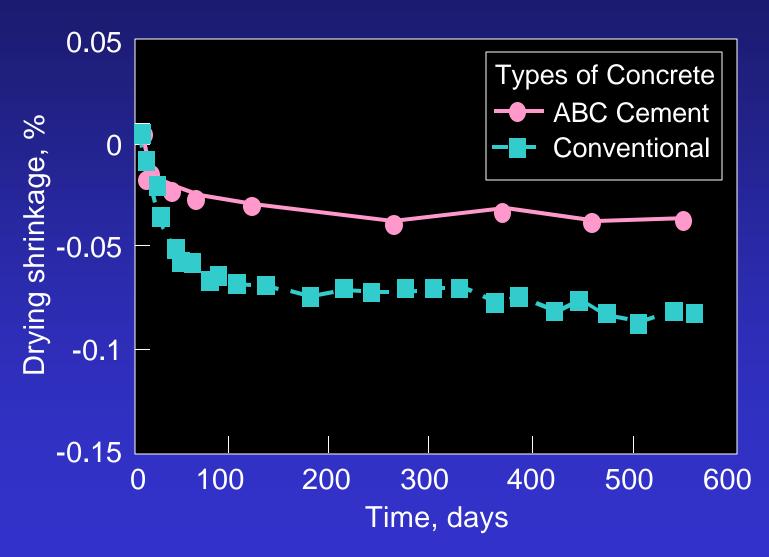
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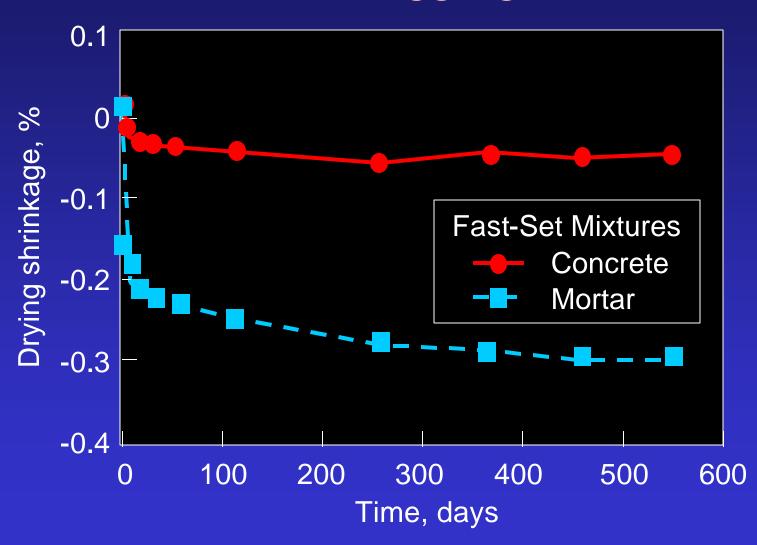
Shrinkage-Reducing Admixtures Effect on Strength



Alkali-Activated Ash Materials Drying Shrinkage



Alkali-Activated Ash Materials Effect of Aggregate



Restrained Shrinkage Tests







Repair Material Data Sheet Protocol

- Material description
- Composition data
- Physical properties
- Performance properties
- Packaging and storage
- How the material works
- How to use the material



Repair Material Products

- Performance criteria
- Guidance on proportioning materials
- Restrained shrinkage test
- "Green" repair materials
- Standard data sheet protocol
- Material selection and specification guide



Roller-Compacted Concrete



Grout-Enriched RCC Process





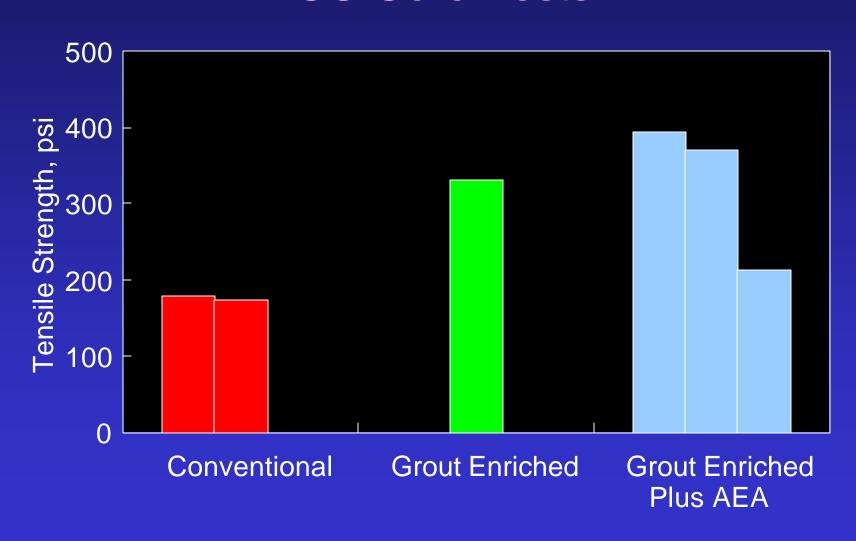




Atlanta Road Dam GERCC

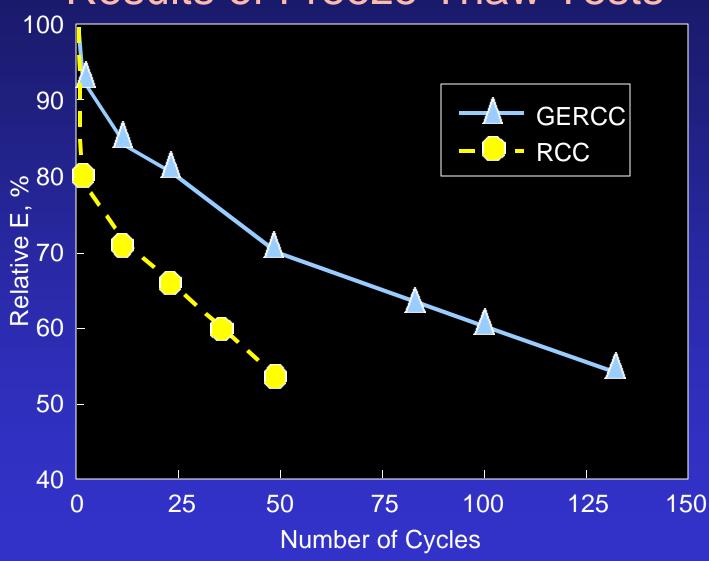


Atlanta Road Dam RCC Core Tests



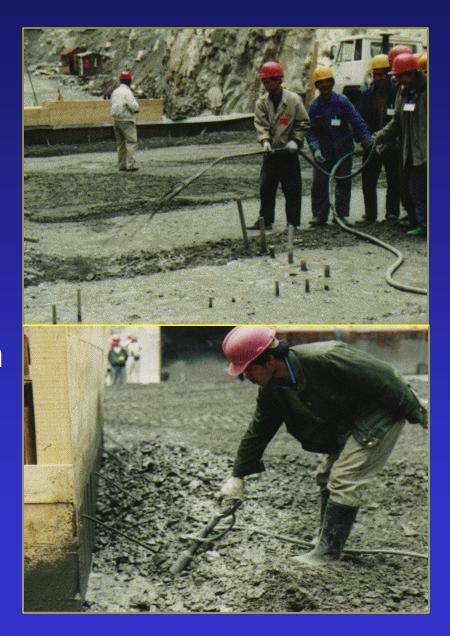
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Results of Freeze-Thaw Tests



GERCC Benefits

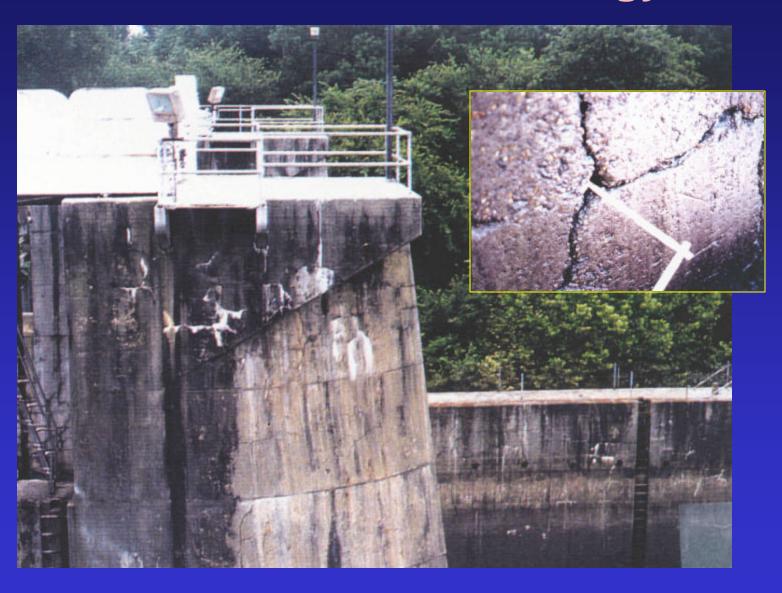
- Durable surface
- Reduced permeability
- Homogenous facing
- High-quality formed finish
- Low cost
- Wider applications



High-Performance Concrete



AAR Mitigation Lithium-Based Technology



Concerns Aging Infrastructure

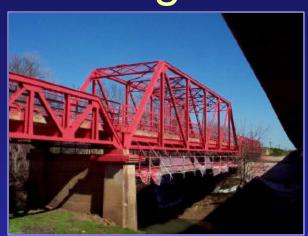


of Required Maintenance

High-Performance Materials and Systems Research Program

- Paints and Coatings
- Advanced Materials
 - Corrosion Resistant Steels
 - Self Lubricating
- Cathodic Protection

Current Research High-Performance Paint Systems



 Overcoating Lead-Based Paint



Metalizing



- New Coating Technologies
- Proprietary Coatings



 Plural Component Urethanes-Polibrid 705 for Intake Screen (Louisville Dist)



Inhibitive Alkyd Systems



Environmentally
 Acceptable Coatings

Current Research High-Performance Advanced Materials



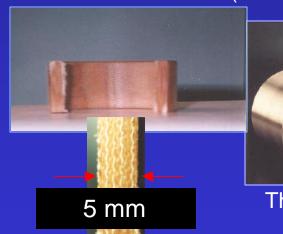
Self lubricating wheels for floating mooring bitts, Barkley Lock & Dam, Nashville District



Self lubricating bushings (Kamatics) for chains, Portland Dist.



Freeze fit installation of self-lubricating bushings into tainter gate valve strut arm (McAlpine L&D- Louisville Dist.)



Ferrofrom T-814

TENMAT

Thordon SXL



HPM&S (Paints and Lubricants) FY01 Products:

- Guide Specification CEGS-09971revised to allow the use of, and places QC requirements on the use of arc spray metalization equipment.
- Guide Specification CEGS-09965 revised in response to Procurement Reform requirements to allow the use of numerous MPI paint specifications.
- WEB site established showing Corps experience with over 100 proprietary paints or paint systems.
- Guidance for use of environmentally acceptable (EA) lubricants and hydraulic fluids in the corps applications.







High-Performance Paint Systems BENEFITS

- Reduced O&M costs for painting & maintenance
 - Rock Island, Huntington, and other Districts
- Reduced painting costs in construction
 - New England District, Walla
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- Regulatory compliance
 - Rock Island, Seattle, and other Districts
- Improvement of procurement documents
- Improved worker safety



HPM&S (Corrosion and Advanced Materials) FY01 Products:

- Web-posted Advanced Materials Selection Guide for proper selection of materials for lock, dam, and hydroelectric plant components
- Selection guidelines for self-lubricating materials for lock operating machinery components based on performance specifications
 - floating mooring bitts, tainter valves, sector gears, strut arm bushings, and linkages
- Guidance for remote monitoring of cathodic protection (CP) system rectifiers to prevent corrosion of structures







High-Performance Advanced Materials

Benefits

- Proper selection of advanced materials in COE applications will eliminate premature failures
 - Rock Island, Pittsburgh and other Districts
- Minimizing maintenance costs attributed to materials and component replacement costs
 - Huntington, Nashville, other Districts
- Self-lubricating bushings for Lock and Dam Applications
 - Nashville, Louisville, and other Districts







Programmatic Issues: Future Products (FY02, FY03)

- Selection guidelines for lubricating systems for lock gate pintles (FY02).
- Technical guidance for overcoating leadbased paint (FY02).
- WEB site expanded to show additional products (FY02).
- Revised Guide Specification CEGS-09965 to allow the use of industry specification to replace cancelled Fed Spec paints (FY02).
- Selection guidelines for high performance bushing materials for tainter gates (FY03).
- Expert system for advanced materials for lock, dam, and hydroelectric machinery components (FY03).
- Revised Guide Specification CEGS 09971 limiting the amount of recycling allowed when steel abrasives are used (FY03).





Research Needs

Needs not met if HPM&S program ends in FY03:

- Evaluate new coatings, application methods and surface preparation methods
- Provide guidance and field assistance in the proper selection, specification, inspection and performance of coating systems
- Develop an automated system to specify emerging advanced materials
- Develop an automated system to specify coating systems and associated contract requirements
- Expanded use environmentally acceptable (EA) lubricants and hydraulic fluids at Corps projects
- Develop new high performance paint systems that will meet tomorrow's pollution, health, and safety requirements

Concerns:

- HPM&S Program due to end in FY03.
- Work remains to be done.
- Service life of aging infrastructure must be extended.